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RE: Update to Treated Water Supply from City of Corinth Gas & Water Department

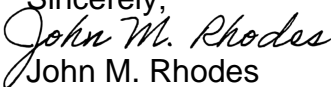
In March of this year, the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) announced a Proposal to Limit PFAS in Drinking Water. PFAS is a group of man-made chemicals that persist for a long time in the environment and have been associated with a number of negative health effects in humans. The EPA’s proposed rule would go into effect later this year and then Public Water Systems would have up to three (3) years to implement steps to comply with the new PFAS limits in drinking water.

The EPA has urged Public Water Systems to test for the presence of PFAS in drinking water and if detected take action to remove or reduce PFAS where levels exceed the EPA’s proposed rule. The proposed limit (referred to as a Maximum Contaminant Level “MCL”) for the two most common of these chemicals, PFOS and PFOA, is 4ppt or four parts per trillion. Consistent with the EPA’s request, CGW conducted PFAS testing by an approved analytical service. Results of the testing confirmed that levels of PFOS and PFOA exceed the EPA’s proposed standard. The test results released to CGW on September 1, 2023, were reviewed by the Mississippi Department of Health, and have been posted on the CGW website: www.corinthgasandwater.com

As recommended by the EPA, interim steps are being considered by CGW to reduce the presence of PFAS found in the water. These steps include implementation of Granular Activated Carbon (“GAC”) filter media to use in the water treatment and 2 filtration process. GAC has been proven as an effective interim step in removing PFAS and various options for using this technology are being evaluated by our engineers.

Other actions being implemented by the CGW include pursuing federal grant funding (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law) to provide long-term water treatment solutions for PFAS removal. In addition, the CGW has formally retained the legal team that successfully represented communities in Rome, Georgia and Morgan County, Alabama in recovering the cost of building state-of-the-art water treatment plants from PFAS chemical manufacturers at no cost to their ratepayers. As previously reported, the City of Corinth Public Utilities Commission authorized legal action to recover all costs in providing safe drinking water to our ratepayers, and the retention of legal counsel to seek reimbursement of all costs and expenditures is a positive step in this process.

CGW will continue providing updates to our customers via our website. CGW’s commitment is to provide our customers with a safe water supply at the lowest cost possible.

Sincerely;

John M. Rhodes
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